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SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—
APRIL 11, 2003

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, April 11, 2003, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact James Scholl at (916) 657-4610.

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LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, April 11, 2003

Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Workforce Development Branch (WDB)
	State Board Update	David Militzer, State Board
	Status of JTA Replacement Systems Review	Liz Clingman, Workforce Investment Division (WID)
	WIA Reauthorization/Personal Reemployment Accounts	Bob Hermsmeier, WID
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Welcome/Hot Topics—Bob Hermsmeier for Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID).

- New Deputy Director—Effective April 1, 2003, Dennis Petrie is the new Workforce Development Branch (WDB) Deputy. Mr. Petrie served for the past four years as the Chief Deputy Communications Officer for the Governor's Office. Prior to that job he gained direct workforce development experience when working as the Regional Manager of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
- New Allotments—Michael Evashenk reported that California received the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) allotments for Program Year (PY) 2003-04. Compared with the current year, the PY 2003 allotments were reduced 17 percent in Youth, 15 percent in Adult, and 17 percent in Dislocated Worker. At the State level, this will reduce the allocations for statewide 15 percent projects by \$13.4 million and reduce the 25 percent project account by \$9.2 million. The Labor Market Information Division has calculated the local allocations for youth; that amount will be incorporated into subgrants and sent to the Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) next week for signature. Expect the same process for the adult funds approximately in a week to 10 days. The local allocations for the Dislocated Worker funds should be out and sent to the LWIAs by the last week in April. When all the local numbers for the three funding sources are finalized, the State will send out an Information Bulletin.
- Rescission—California lost \$1.7 million in Adult and Dislocated Worker PY 2002-03 funding due to the just announced federal rescission. On a positive note, California expects to recoup about \$756,000 in Dislocated Worker funds from states that did not obligate 80 percent of their funds.
- State Travel—Because of California's budget situation, travel for State employees has been restricted. This will mean the local areas will see less of their Regional Advisors.
- Common Performance Measures—Liz Clingman just returned from a meeting in Washington D.C. regarding the new Common Performance measures. Liz reported that the workgroup recommended the efficiency measure only be applied at the federal level. It should not be included in state incentive and sanction process. The numerator on the measure will continue to be appropriations. The recommendation is that the denominator equal all individuals served in the One-Stop. Other issues under discussion were the definition of enrollment and exit, and the population that should be included in the entered employment and wage measures. Data presented

by Mathematica indicated a bias in the current Office of Management and Budget definitions of these measures that would not accurately reflect the success of the WIA program.

- **Dislocated Worker Expenditures**—Bob Hermsmeier reported that DOL has asked the State for a corrective action plan because California only spent 31.3 percent of the Dislocated Worker funds through December 31, 2002. The DOL's benchmark was 32.5 percent. This may impact California's National Emergency Grant (NEG) requests discussed later on the agenda. In order to help DOL approve our NEG requests, Mike Curran suggested the State survey each local area for their anticipated expenditures for the remainder of the year. On a related note, the current vision of WIA Reauthorization indicates that 70 percent of the funding needs to be expended by year's end.

State Board Update—David Militzer, State Board.

- **Incentives Policy**—The Governor's Action Request has been sent to Agency and approval is anticipated in the near future.
- **Waivers**—The State Board has requested waivers to the following provisions of WIA:
 1. Prohibition on Using Individual Training Accounts for Youth.
 2. Extension of the Eligible Training Provider List Initial Eligibility.
 3. Limitation of Transfer Between Adult and Dislocated Worker Funds.
- **Travel Restrictions**—The State Board is also subject to the Governor's Travel restrictions. Therefore, the April 30 Youth Council meeting, the May 21 State Board meeting, and the May 29 Performance Based Accountability meeting will all be held in Sacramento.

Status of JTA Replacement Systems Review—Liz Clingman, WID. The State has completed the review of the three consortia systems. Five local areas have completed survey information and have asked that their systems be considered. The State is developing questions for an on-line system review as required in the Feasibility Study Report. The workgroup, made up of State and local area staff, will be called upon to discuss outcomes and participate in the final system review process. It is anticipated the entire process will be completed by June 30, 2003.

WIA Reauthorization/Personal Reemployment Accounts—Bob Hermsmeier, WID. The House of Representatives postponed the mark up on WIA Reauthorization. The Senate has a sponsor for the President's version and it should be introduced in May. The Personal Reemployment Accounts is back to being a separate bill, HR444. There is no current funding appropriation for HR444.

Performance Renegotiation—Liz Clingman, WID. The WID is completing the performance negotiation process for PY 2002-03. The WID is currently reviewing the recommendations with the State Board staff. Letters providing final goals for PY 2002-03 should be mailed to the 30 LWIAs that requested renegotiation, no later than April 21, 2003. The final step will be a Directive that will detail the goals for all 50 LWIAs. Also, this Directive will request the LWIAs submit performance proposals for PY 2003-04 and 2004-05. However, PY 2004-05 will need to be renegotiated at some later date to reflect the DOL's implementation of common performance measures on July 1, 2004.

Status of NEG Applications—Steve Saxton, WID. The State is coordinating the statewide application process for Technology, Transportation, and Public Sector National Emergency Grants (NEG). The challenge has been to put forward a strong application for each grant that establishes the need and shows insufficient resources to meet those needs. Once the application is approved, there will probably be a delay in getting funding to the LWIAs because of the State budget process. The State agreed with the recommendation to institute a weekly update/status report to the locals participating in the process. Based on the current information supplied by the locals, the Technology request will be \$30-45 million with 5,000 to 7,000 participants.

Rapid Response Workgroup—Steve Saxton, WID. On April 9, the Rapid Response Workgroup met to discuss the process for judging the competitive proposals under this portion of the State Fiscal Year 2003-04 Rapid Response funds. Representatives from 13 LWIAs attended the meeting. The group discussed process and criteria and recommended that a Directive would be sent in April to the LWIAs that describe the process for requesting both baseline Rapid Response funding and special project Rapid Response funding. The LWIAs would be required to complete the applications by May 31 so the State could put all of the funding into the subgrants before June 30.

Future Meetings—Bob Hermsmeier, WID. Because of the State travel restrictions, the March LWIA Quarterly meeting was cancelled. The next Quarterly Management Information System meeting will in the EDD Auditorium in late May. The Auditorium could also be used for the next LWIA Quarterly meeting. Ideas were solicited from the group. It was suggested that the California Workforce Association meeting could be used to include discussion with State staff. It was mentioned that some LWIA Administrators need about a month to secure local approval to attend a meeting outside of their jurisdiction.